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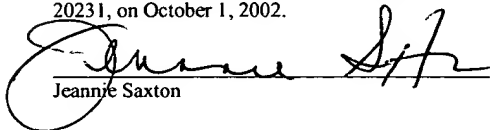
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of **July 8, 2002**, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Applicant respectfully submits that this response is timely filed and fully responsive to the Office Action. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the subject application and for indicating the allowability of claim 2 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-6 are